Gas Reserves

329. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI SOM PAL :
SHRIMATI MIRA DAS :
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleasd to state :

(a) the details of reserves of gas discovered in the country till date ;

(b) what is the percentage of the gas exploited out of discovered reserves;

(c) what is the percentage of discovered reserves likely to be exploited during the 8th Plan and at what cost and how they are to be financed ;

(d) whether private, Indian or overseas sources have been offered participation in the exploitation of the gas reserves ;

(e) if so, what are the details thereof;

(f) whether any joint sector project for the exploitation of the gas has been worked out ; and

(g) if so, what are the details, project wise ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) to (c) As on 1-1-1991, 1527.76 billion cubic mts. of gas reserves have been discovered. Approximately, 8.5% of the reserves have so far been exploited, Approximately, another 8% of the reserves would be recovered during the VIII Plan.

(d) to (g) Under the Fourth round of bidding foreign and Indian Companies have been invited for exploration and exploitation of oil and natural gas in 72 blocks in India. The lsst date for receipt of Bids is 15th April, 1992.

Gas based Power Projects

330. SHRIMATI MIRA DAS :
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA :
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:
SHRI SOM PAL:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the gas based power project for which gas linkage has been sanctioned;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have finally sanctioned the gas linkage for the gas based State level power project at Gandhar in Gujarat, if so, what are the details of the date of sanction and its intimation to the Government of Gujarat and quantum of allotment of gas etc;

(c) whether the proposal of gas linkage to Gandhar project has been cleared by all the concerned Departments i.e. Planning Commission and others;

(d) whether further processing is still required; and

(e) what is the approximtae time schedule for the release of the gas for the Gandhar project?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) (a) Gas Linkage including in principle and firm commitmerts for 31 power projects has been agreed to.

(b) to (d) Government have approved gas linkage of 1.5 MMSCMD for the Gandhar Project of Gujarat Government. This Linkage would be increased to 2.25 MMSCMD in case additional gas becomes available from the Gandhar Belt.

(e) The time schedule for release of gas would depend on the scheduled date of commissioning of the plant.

मुम्बई के समीप समुद्र मे तेल के भंडार

331. **श्री कमल मोरारका :** क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि हाल ही में मुम्बई के समीप समुद्र में गैस के भंडारों का पता चला है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इनका ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) कितनी मात्रा में गैस की खोज किये जाने की संभावना है और इसके शोधन के लिए क्या प्रस्तावित प्रबंध किये जायेंगे; और

(घ) इस तेल और गैस को सरकार किन-किन प्रयोगों में लाने का विचार रखती है ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री (श्री बी० शंकरानन्द) : (क) से (घ)